

For Immediate Press Release - “Valley Regional Musical Program Wins Future of Theatre and Outstanding Graphic Design Awards at Connecticut High School Music Theatre Awards.”

Valley Regional High School’s Drama Program continues its tradition of performance excellence with the Valley Regional Musical Production (VRMP) of “***Band Geeks***,” receiving two notable awards, including the brand new ‘***The Future of Theatre Award***’ and the ‘***Outstanding Graphic Design Award***’ on June 1st at the Connecticut High School Music Theatre Awards gala held at the Palace Theatre in Waterbury, CT.

On this new Award, Ingrid Walsh, ‘Band Geeks’ Director stated: “‘***The Future of Theatre Award***’ was newly created to inspire all to take uncharted territories and, rather than doing the same shows, to try to produce some new works. We were thrilled. As you know, something new -- or change -- is very hard to find a populace, as it is incredibly risky. But, they recognized all of our efforts to raise ‘***Band Geeks***’ to the stage and deliver it with success. We were truly honored and humbled to be recognized, especially because we all were so attached to the show.”

We would like to send out a special thanks to the following people and companies that supported our ‘***Outstanding Graphics Design Award***’

- A.C. Proctor of Essex Printing - assisted with posters and programs,
- Whelen Engineering - printing of programs,
- Casey O’Brien of Gull Associates Old Lyme - assisted with costuming,
- Tiffany Hopkins - assisted with projection images,
- Luther Moen, Ingrid Walsh, and projection students: Garrett Boland, Tesla Lowrey, Roman Daniels – assisted with side projection panel adjustments, and
- Chris LeQuire and Brad Pitman of VHRS - assisted in creating newscast footage that tied the whole thing together to the end.

Additionally, CHSMTA nominated VRMP’s ‘***Band Geeks***’ for three prominent awards:

- **Leading Actress - Maggie Walsh as Laura,**
- **Outstanding Sound, and**
- **Outstanding Chorus.**

One hundred and twenty-one (121) students from Valley Regional High School were involved in cast, crew, and pit to produce the newly released musical. The involvement of students represents 20% of the entire school population, along with countless volunteer

hours of the parents, teachers, and community direct commitment to this long-standing tradition of producing excellence in musicals in the Region 4 School District. As always, the five (5)-performance date and times of the musical were sold out early in our community.

As a surprise to all, the creators Tommy Newman and Gordon Greenberg of '**Band Geeks**' drove in from NYC along with original Goodspeed Producers to view their final dress rehearsal in March.

The students attended the black-tie Gala at the Palace Theatre in Waterbury on the 1st of June and performed "**Lost in the Brass**" one last time. VRHS was amongst 20 other Connecticut high schools involved. It is an amazing event celebrating High School Music Theatre.





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